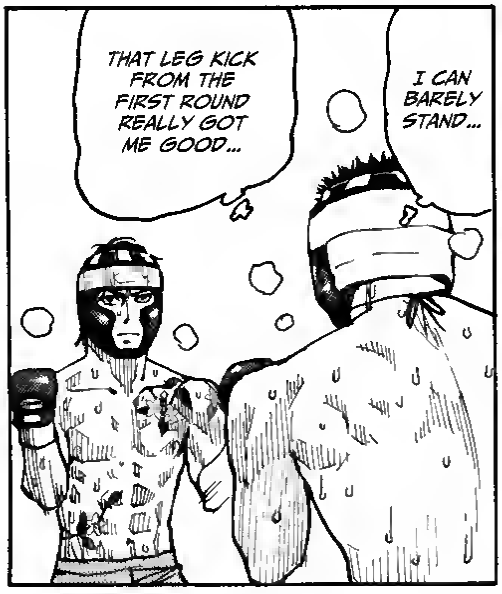
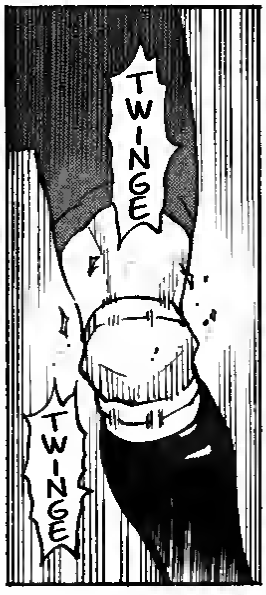
Chapter 47
Frustration


THAT LEG KICK FROM THE FIRST ROUND REALLY GOT ME GOOD...
I CAN BARELY STAND...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I DIDN'T TAKE UP SHOOTO ...
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING HERE?
DID I BREAK A COUPLE RIBS?
MY RIGHT SIDE'S HURTING, TOO...
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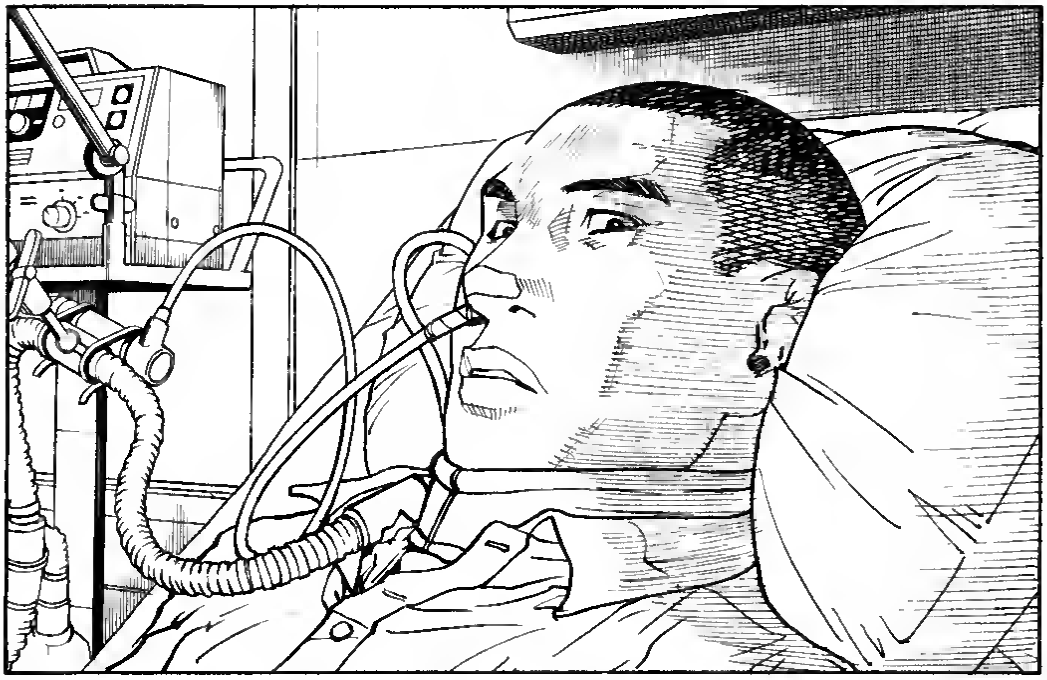
...JUST TO GET MY ASS KICKED LIKE THIS.
GOD-DAMNIT!



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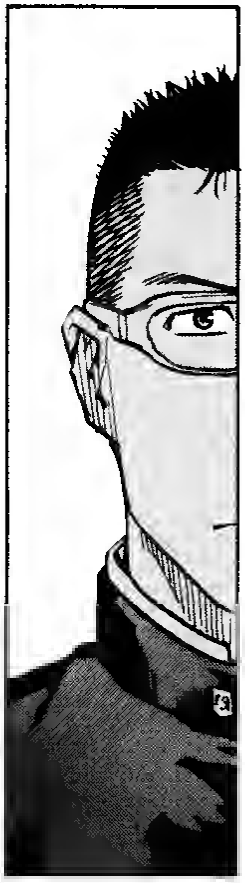


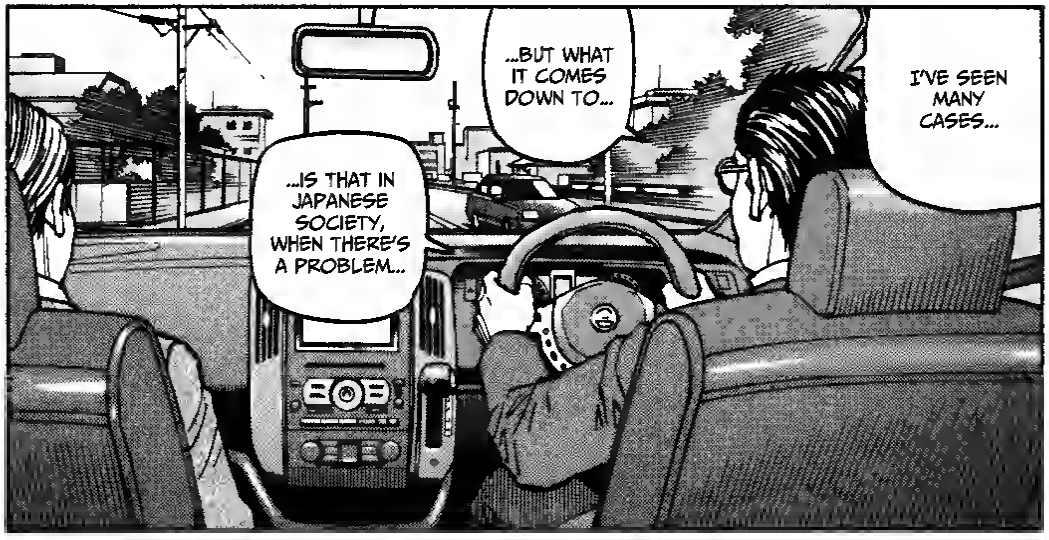
...our eyes met.
For just one second ...
The meeting had been organized...
...by someone from the NAVS*.
Me and the guy...
But all I could hear from inside...
...were accusations from his parents.
...who'd been paralyzed from the neck down by my brother's throw.

*NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND SURVIVING FAMILIES

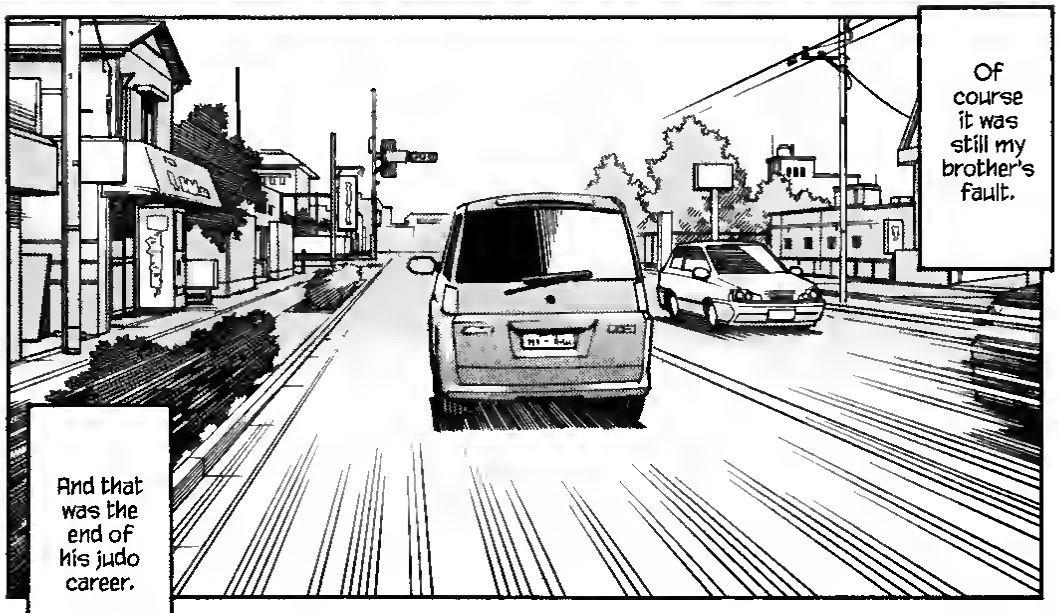
I'd heard so many rumors.
That he and my brother had never gotten along...
...
WHY DID YOU WANT TO SEE HIM?

...YUDAI.
...my brother had purposely used a back throw that he didn't usually use.
...WHAT?
...that things had gotten worse since my brother had been chosen as a Junior Training Fighter...
...that because there hadn't been an instructor present when it happened...

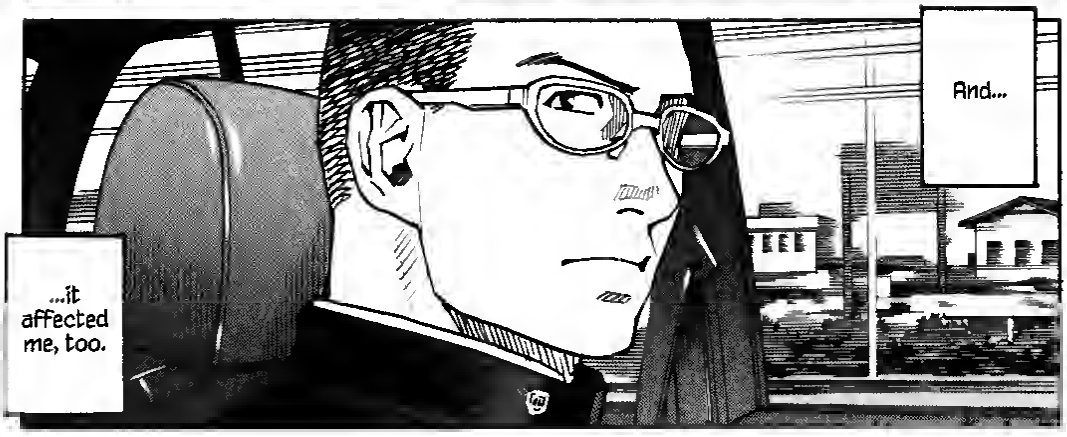
YES.
...EVEN THOUGH HE WAS THE VICTIM?
...BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST THE SCHOOL AND THE PREFECTURE...
WHEN HIS FAMILY ...
...THEY BEGAN BEING HARASSED.
THEY SENT LETTERS SAYING THE VICTIM WAS A PROBLEM CHILD...
...AND POSTED DEFAMATORY COMMENTS ONLINE.
...SAID THE SCHOOL WASN'T RESPONSIBLE AND DEMANDED THE CHARGES BE DROPPED.
PEOPLE CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL...
UNFORTUNATELY IT'S ALL TOO COMMON.
EVEN IN CASES WHERE STUDENTS ARE DRIVEN TO SUICIDE DUE TO BULLYING, THERE'S A LOT OF VICTIM-BLAMING.
OF COURSE HIS FAMILY THINKS WE WERE BEHIND IT.

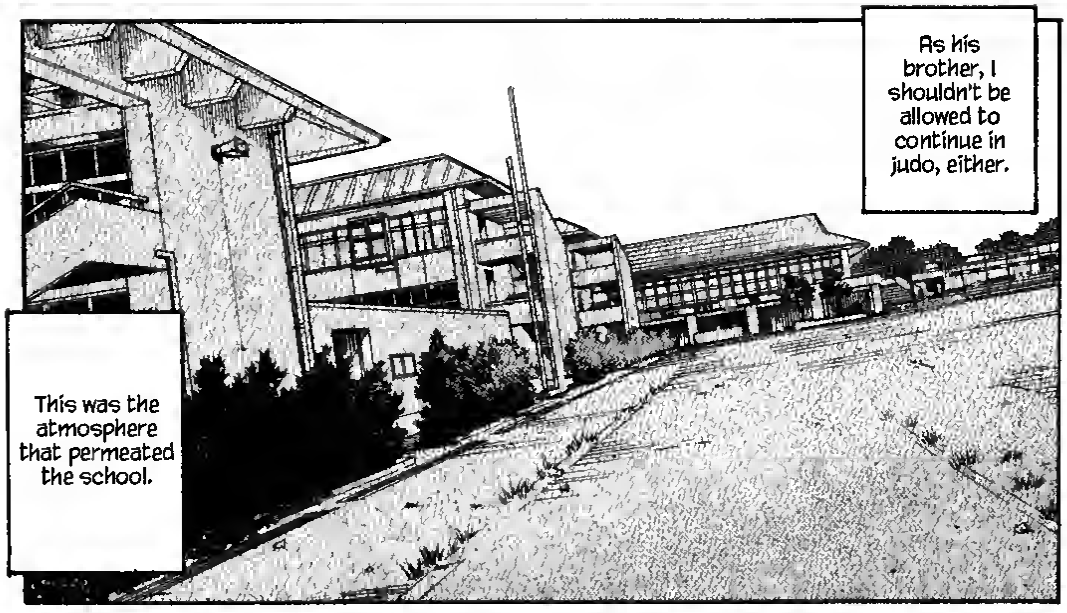

I'VE SEEN MANY CASES...
...BUT WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO...
...IS THAT IN JAPANESE SOCIETY, WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM...

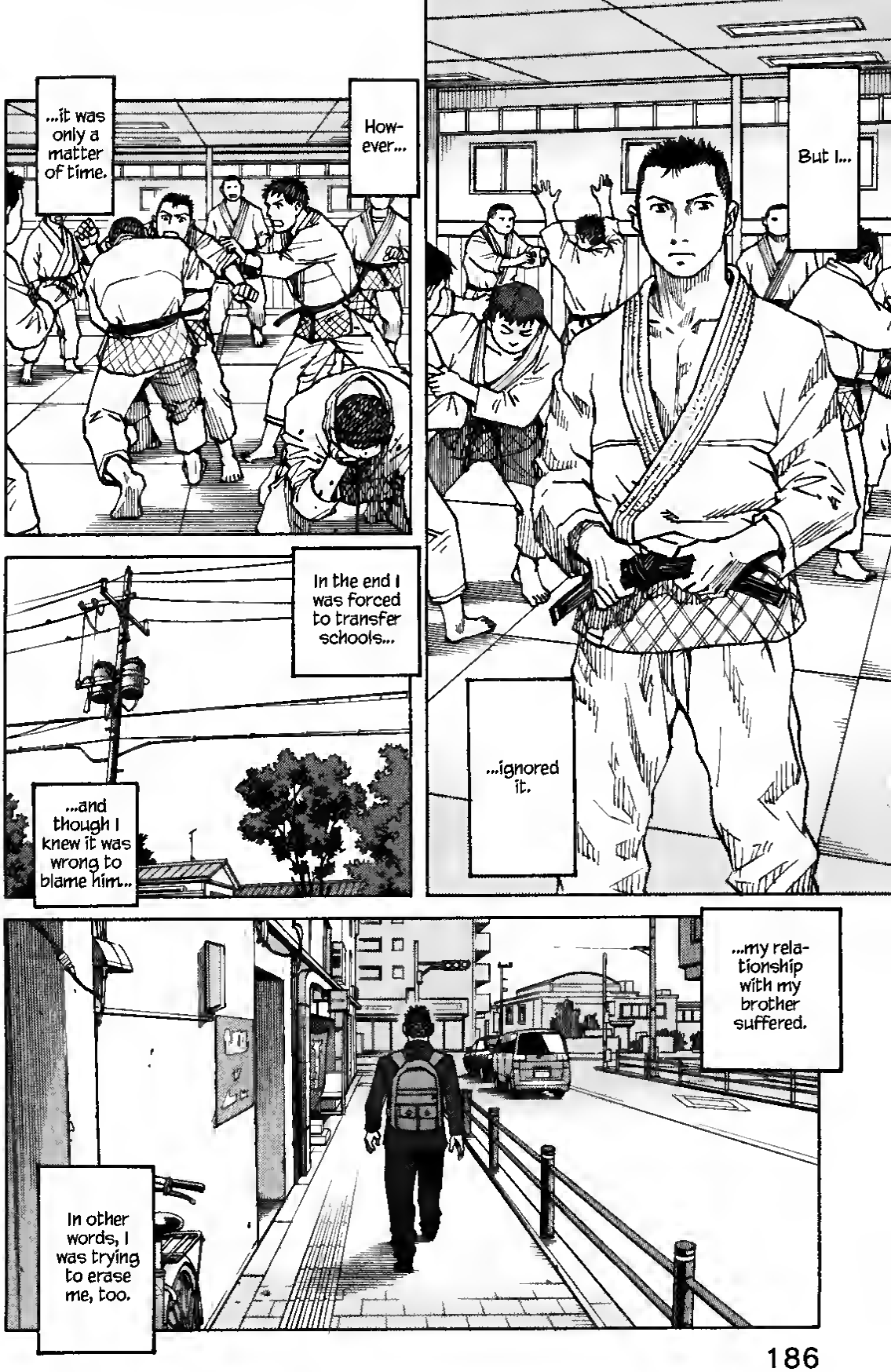
...INSTEAD OF DISCUSSING IT IN PUBLIC...
...PEOPLE WOULD RATHER PRETEND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN


Of course it was still my brother's fault.
And that was the end of his judo career.

He would have to live...
...with the weight of that cross for the rest of his life

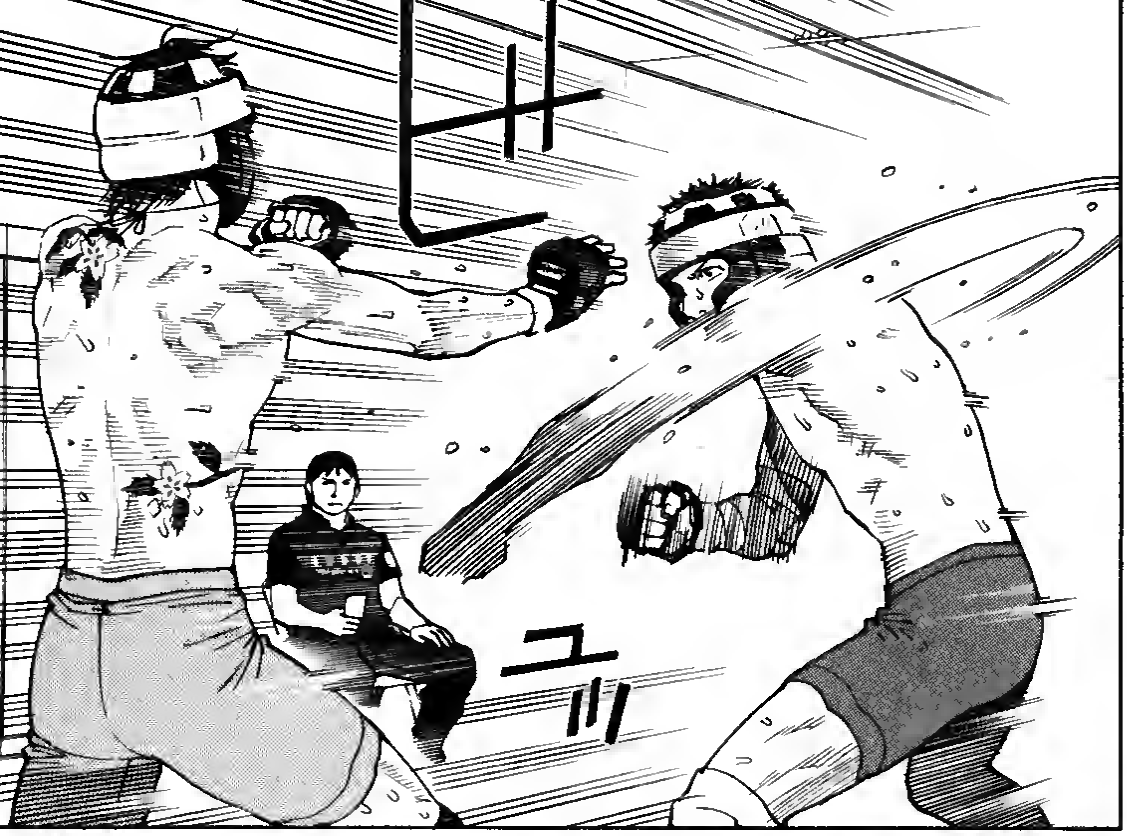

And...
...it affected me, too.


As his brother, I shouldn't be allowed to continue in judo, either.
This was the atmosphere that permeated the school.


But I...
...ignored it.
How-ever...
...it was only a matter of time.
In the end I was forced to transfer schools...
...and though I knew it was wrong to blame him...
...my rela-tionship with my brother suffered.
In other words, I was trying to erase me, too.

Damn it!
What did I do wrong?!
This is it.
I'll throw myself into MMA.
First I'll become a shooto champion...
...then I'll go to America...
KICK
BOXING
MMA
JIUJITHU

...and then all those people...
...who tried to erase me...
...and get stronger...
...and famous...
...would have no choice...
...but to see me fight.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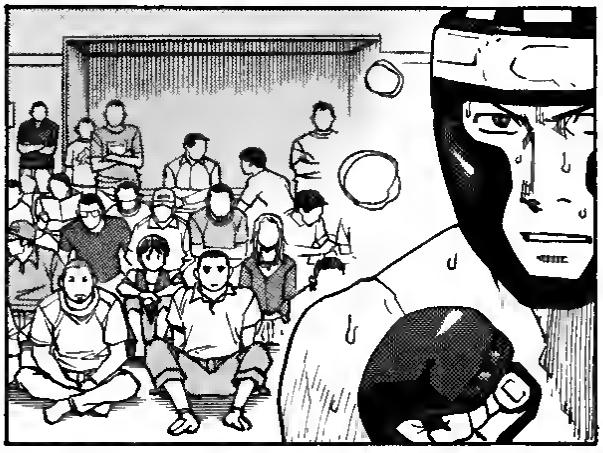
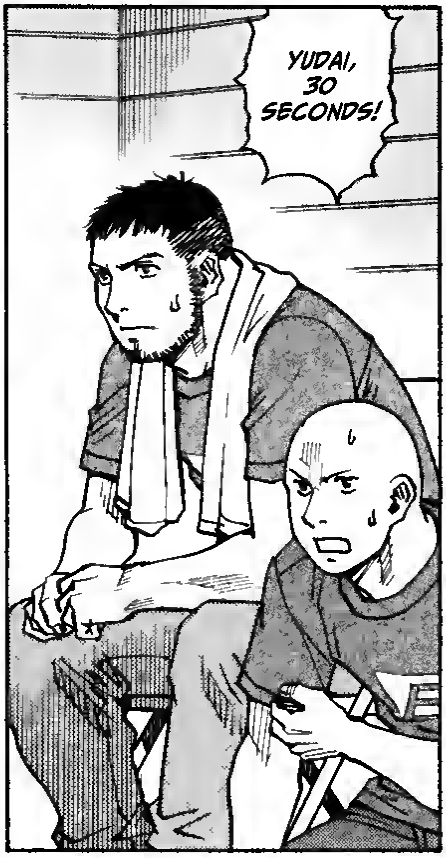
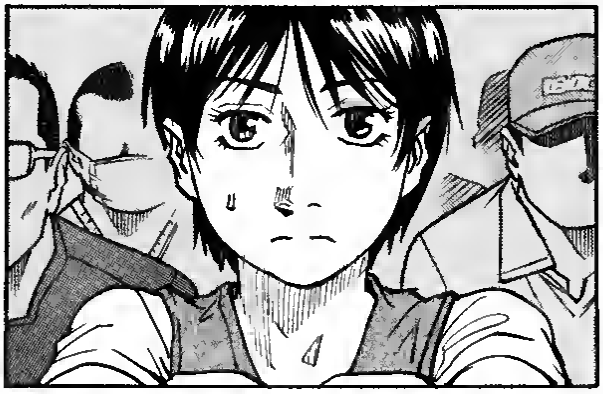



YUDAI, 30 SECONDS!



THE TRUTH IS...
...SOME OF US WERE ON YUDAI'S SIDE.
BUT... I MEAN...
YOU KNOW HOW HE IS...
AND WE WERE ONLY FIRST-YEARS...
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH THE FLOW...

BUT I'M GLAD...
...THAT HE'S FOUND A PLACE FOR HIMSELF AT AN MMA GYM.
ZOOM
SO, WELL...
...I JUST THINK WE WERE WRONG.
JUST BE THERE FOR HIM, OK?
YOU GO TO THE SAME GYM, RIGHT?
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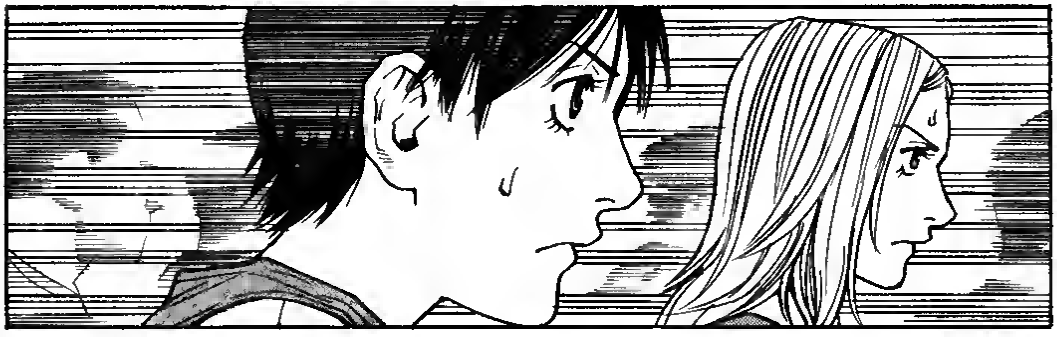
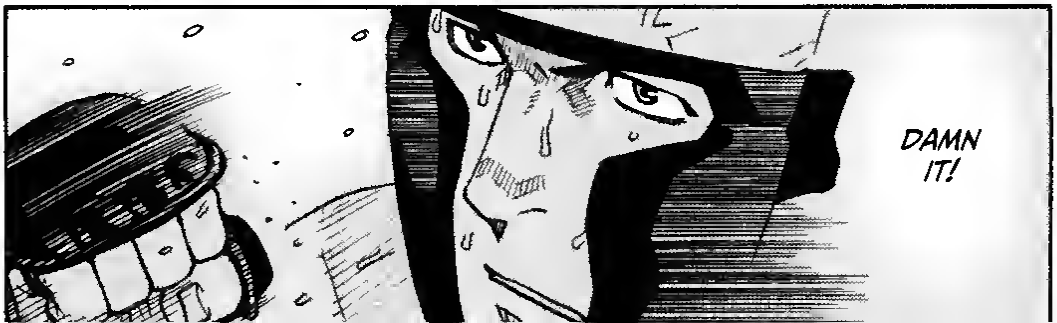
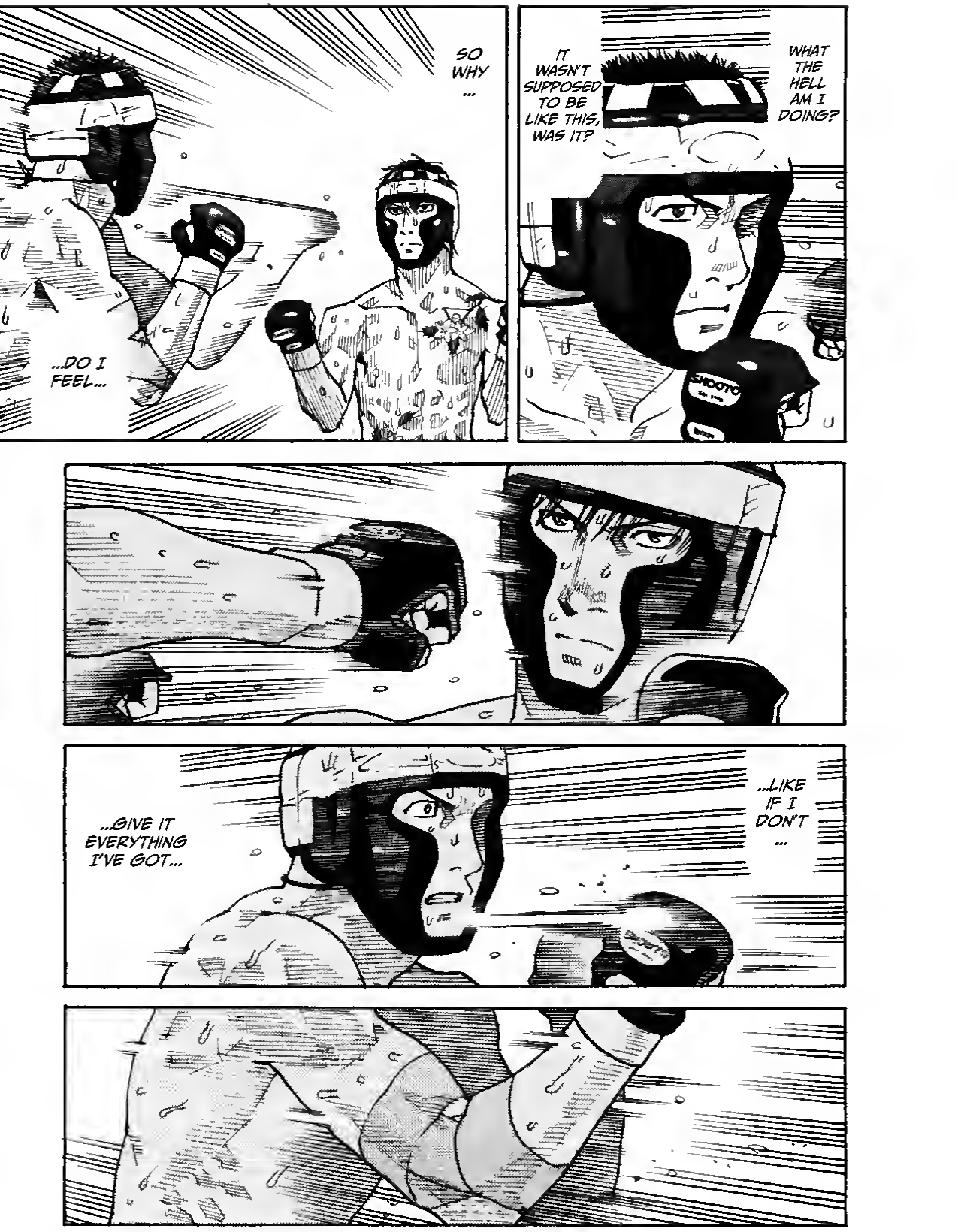
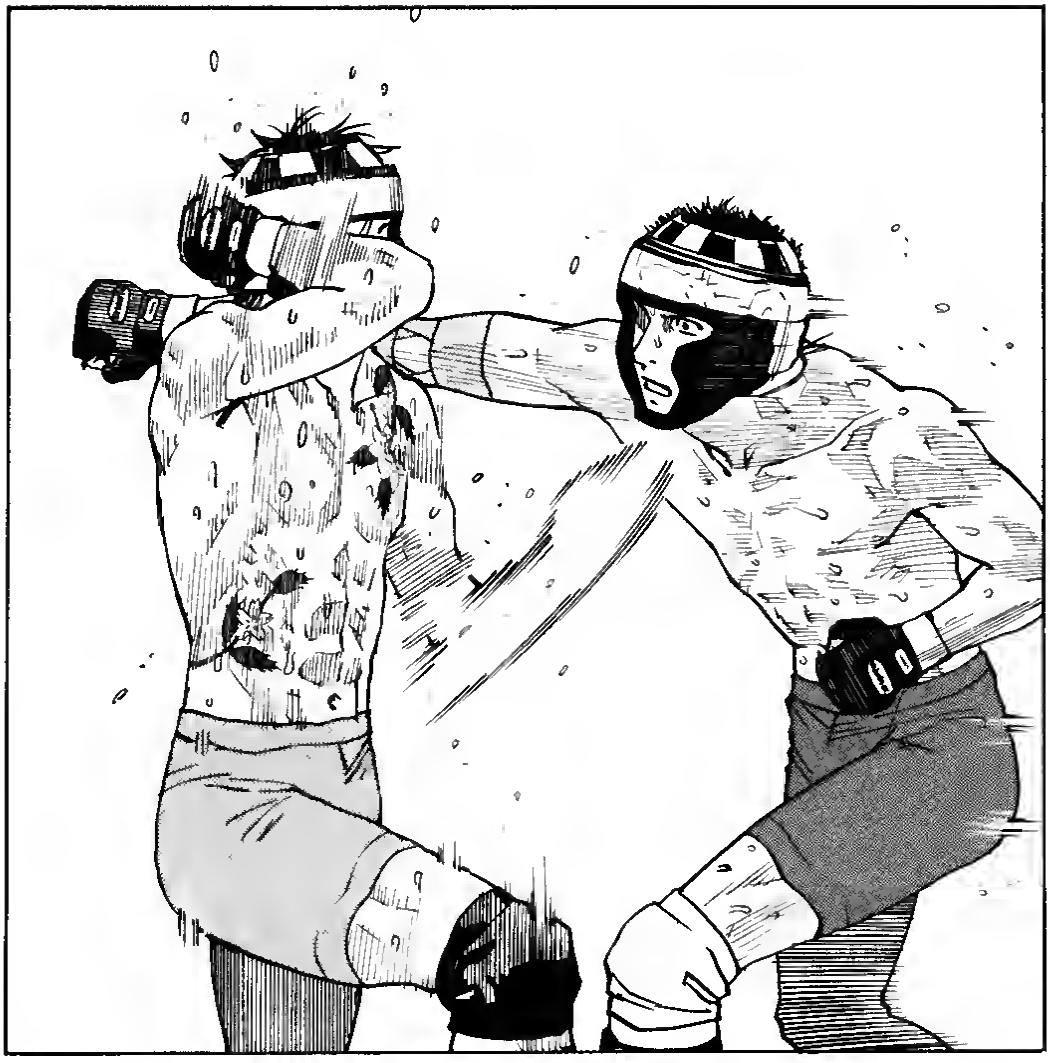
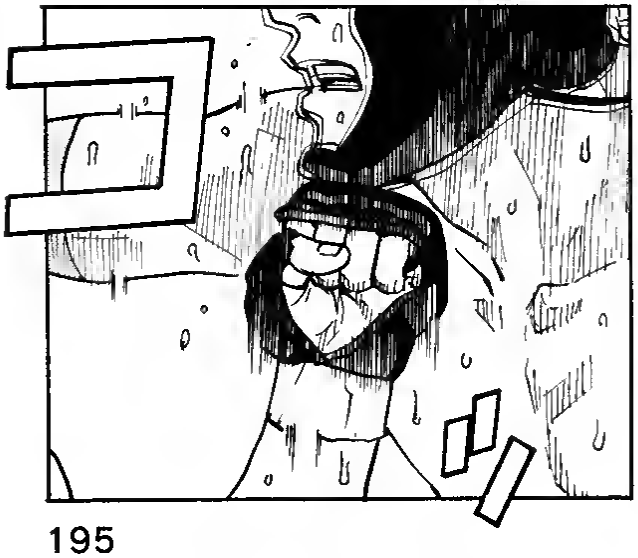


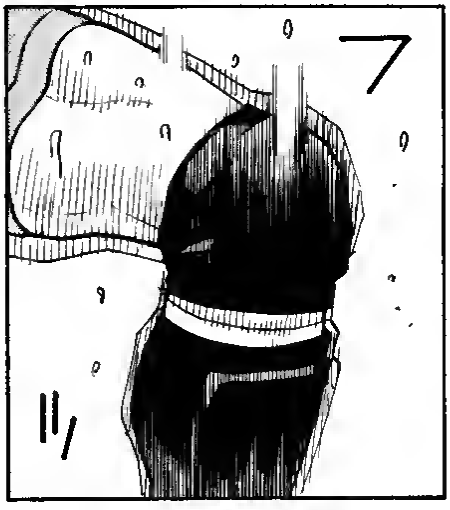

DAMN IT!

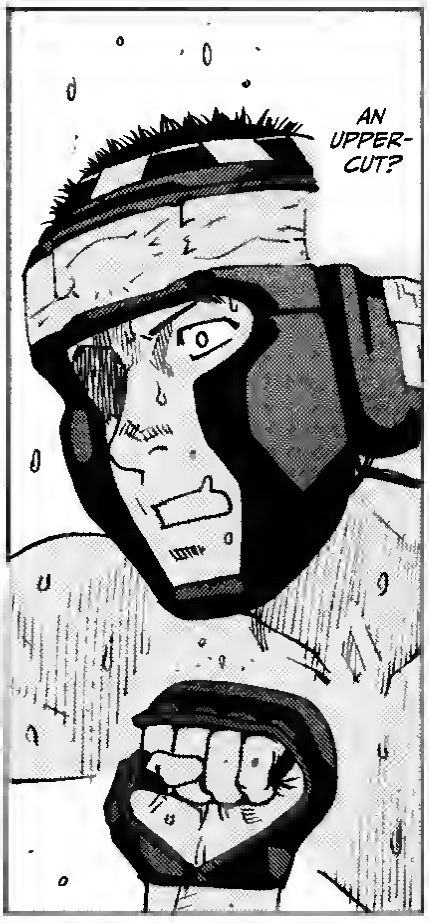

SO WHY ...
...DO I FEEL...
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS, WAS IT?
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?
...GIVE IT EVERYTHING I'VE GOT...
...LIKE IF I DON'T ...

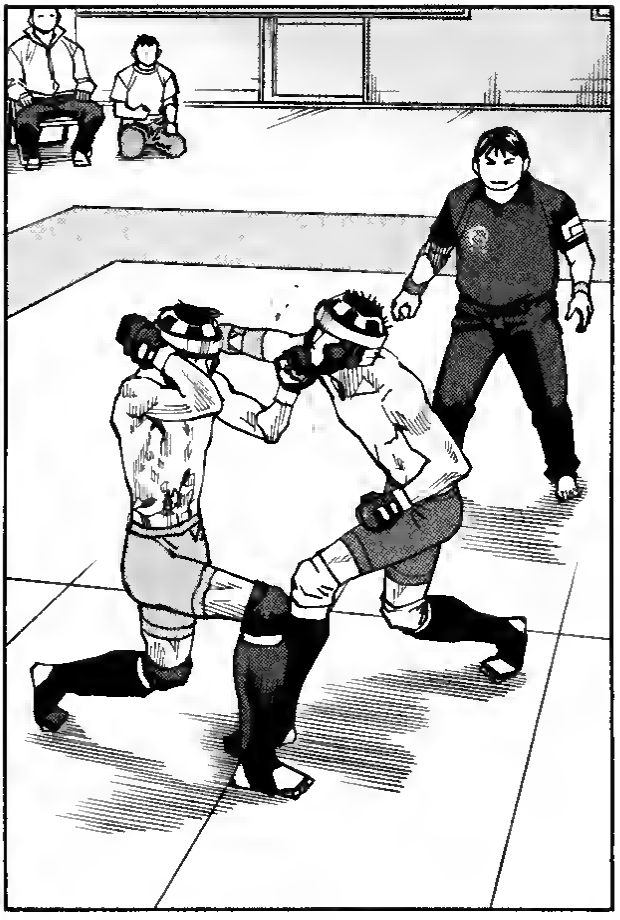
...I WON'T BE SATIS-FIED?!
...AGAINST THIS GUY...

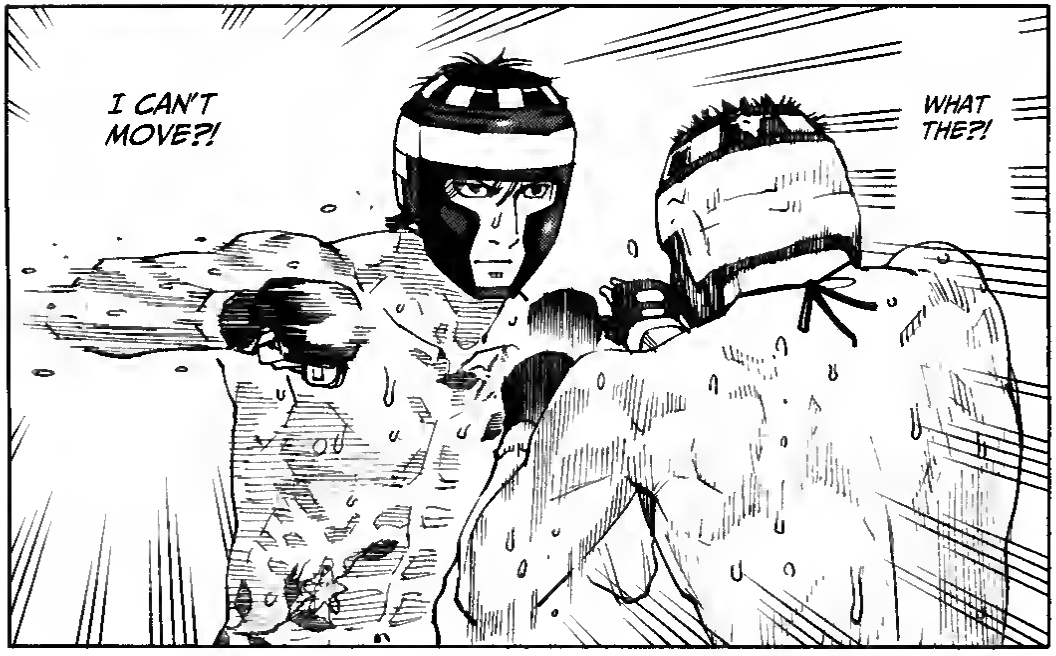


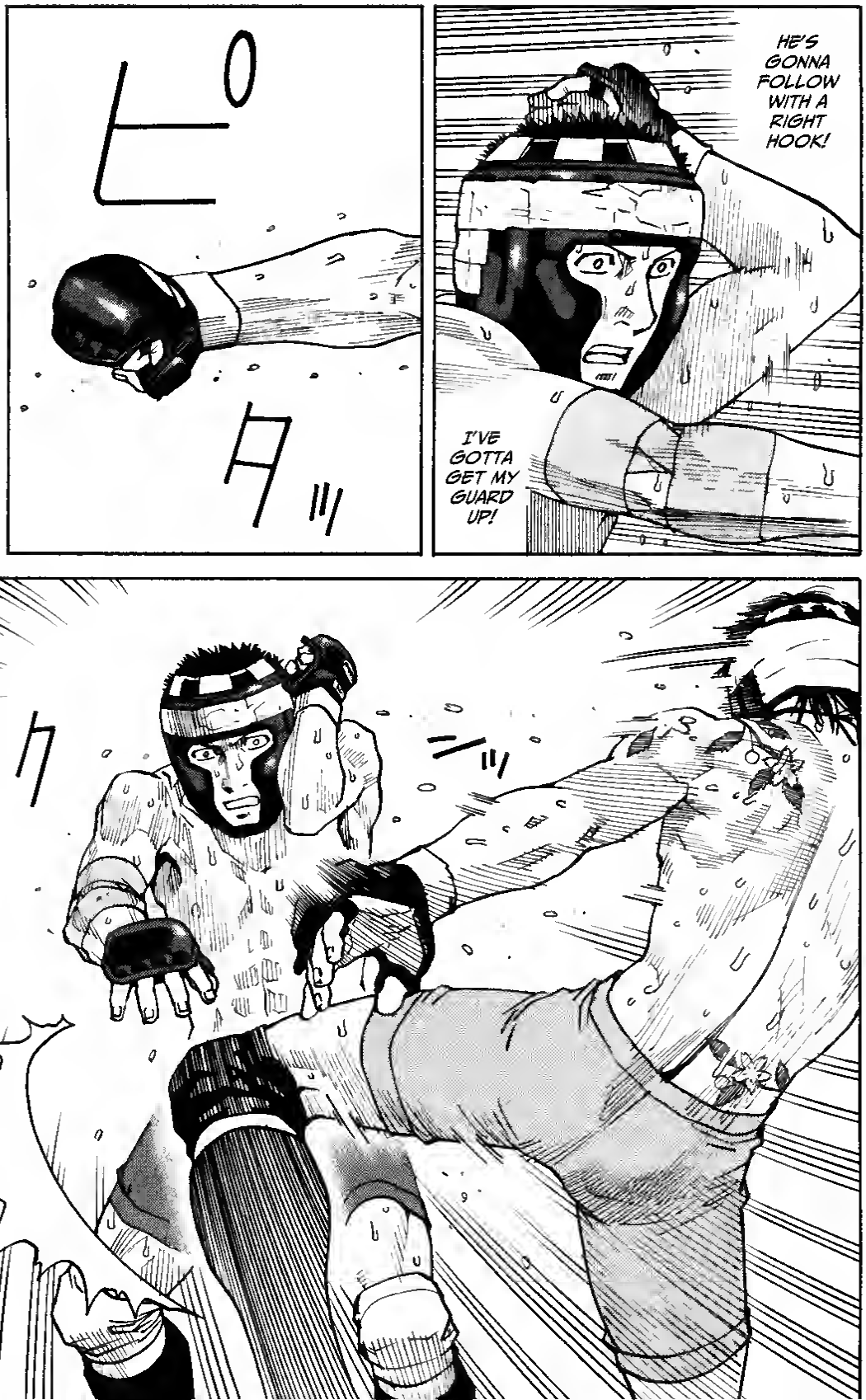





AN UPPER-CUT?




I CAN'T MOVE?!
WHAT THE?!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HE'S GONNA FOLLOW WITH A RIGHT HOOK!
I'VE GOTTA GET MY GUARD UP!
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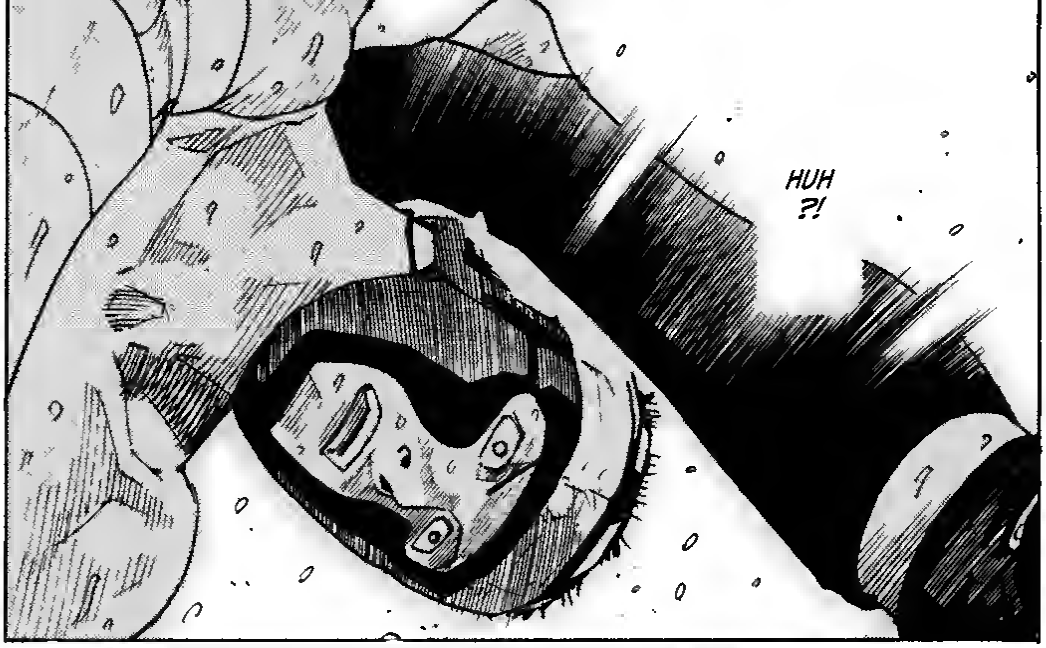

WHAT THE FUCK?!

HE GOT ME?!

I'M WEAK.

...TO WHAT?

TO HELL WITH THIS.

AHH ...

I DON'T WANNA LOSE.

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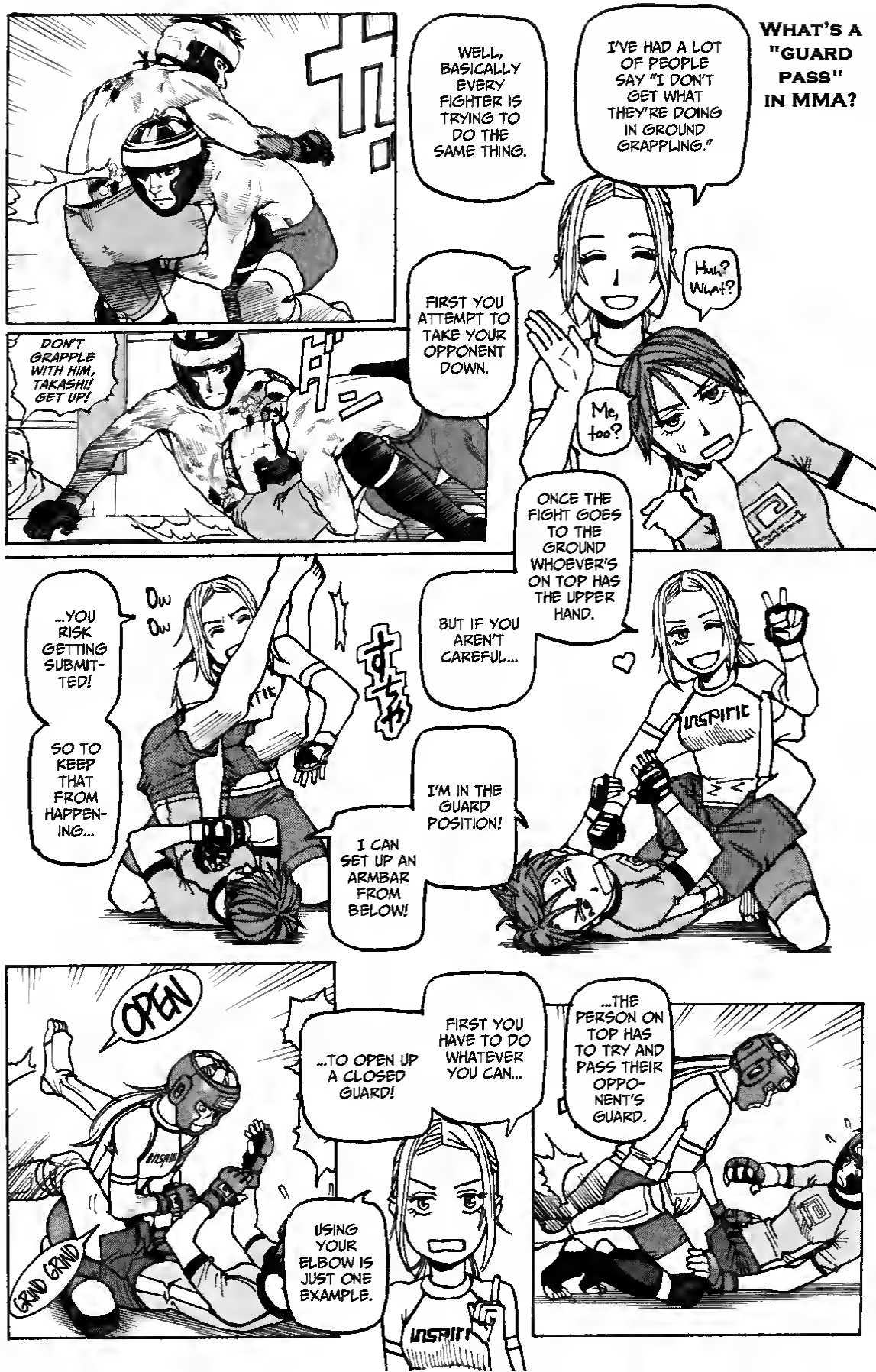
WHAT'S A "GUARD PASS" IN MMA?
I'VE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY "I DON'T GET WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN GROUND GRAPPLING."
WELL, BASICALLY EVERY FIGHTER IS TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING.
Huh? What?
FIRST YOU ATTEMPT TO TAKE YOUR OPPONENT DOWN.
Me, too?
DON'T GRAPPLE WITH HIM, TAKASHI! GET UP!
ONCE THE FIGHT GOES TO THE GROUND WHOEVER'S ON TOP HAS THE UPPER HAND.
BUT IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL...
...YOU RISK GETTING SUBMITTED!
Ow Ow
SO TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING...
I'M IN THE GUARD POSITION!
I CAN SET UP AN ARMBAR FROM BELOW!
...THE PERSON ON TOP HAS TO TRY AND PASS THEIR OPPONENT'S GUARD.
FIRST YOU HAVE TO DO WHATEVER YOU CAN...
...TO OPEN UP A CLOSED GUARD!
OPEN!
GRIND GRIND
USING YOUR ELBOW IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE.

IF YOU CAN GET ONE LEG OUT, THAT'S A HALF GUARD.
FWIP
WAH!
GET OFF!
THEN YOU TRY AND IMMOBILIZE YOUR OPPONENT'S UPPER BODY.
Hmph...
...AND YOU'VE DONE A GUARD PASS!
THE PERSON ON THE BOTTOM CAN'T DO ANYTHING NOW.
IN JUDO THIS IS CALLED A SIDE FOUR-CORNER HOLD.
NEXT, YOU GET YOUR OTHER LEG OUT...
FINALLY, YOU GET ON TOP OF YOUR OPPONENT...
...AND YOU'RE IN FULL MOUNT POSITION!
AH!
NOW YOU CAN...
...PRETTY MUCH DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
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How the hell did this happen?!